



# Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada

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*Dear Father,*

As you know so well the Covid pandemic has upset our lives for more than two years. It has stretched some people beyond their limits creating anxiety, loneliness, suffering, and sorrow; but it has also moved others to hope, to wish, to pray and look forward to a better day.

We are collectively experiencing the Paschal mystery as never before in our lifetimes ... our faith in the resurrected Jesus brings us to live in the hope that “He has made all things new” and that even now “God dwells among us”. This is what I have tried to convey by the theme of this year’s poster: “He will wipe every tear”.

Collectively we share our hope and our support in whatever way we can. I humbly ask you again to remember the Holy See’s appeal to support our brothers and sisters and the Church of the Holy Land. I know that our own churches are probably not going to overflow during this year’s celebrations of the Triduum; and I know it is not easy for you to reach your parishioners.

Our Canadian Church has a tradition of contributing generously to Good Friday Collections. During these past few years, parishioners, even if not able to be in their parishes, have made their Good Friday offerings as best they can: some by electronic means to their parishes, others directly to the Commissariat. We are most grateful to these parishioners and to you, Father, for having brought these gifts to us. Thank you.

Accompanying this letter is an announcement for insertion in the parish bulletin, whether printed for church distribution or sent by email to your parishioners. I have indicated various means by which individuals could present their offerings in support of the Holy Land. Additionally, as usual, I have included posters for display in your church. There is also an announcement that could be read at the time of collection on Good Friday.

I thank you in advance for your help in realizing the support of the Church in the Holy Land.

Yours, in Christ,

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM  
*Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada*

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## **Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday**

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The Good Friday Collection, on April 15, 2022, is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Christian sites of the Holy Land and to support the Church in the pastoral, educational, and social works that contribute to a sustained Christian presence in the land where Jesus the Christ once walked.

This Pontifical Collection will be taken in the parishes during the Good Friday celebration. Those who are unable to attend the service are still able to contribute online by going to [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) and searching for “Commissariat of the Holy Land”, or by Interac e-transfers to [teresainte@bellnet.ca](mailto:teresainte@bellnet.ca) Receipts will be issued.

On behalf of the Custody of the Holy Land,  
I sincerely thank you for your support,

Fr. Robert Mokry, OFM  
*Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada*

*An announcement to be read at the time of the collection,  
on Good Friday, April 15, 2022*

## **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**

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Today’s Pontifical collection is taken for the support of the Holy Land – for the work of the Church, the support of Christian communities, the upkeep of the Holy Sites, and the formation of future priests.

Please give as best you can to support this Church  
and the Christian community.

*Thank you.*

